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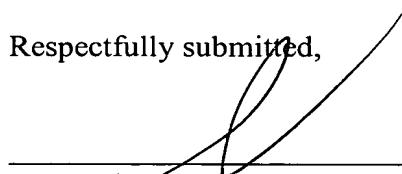
Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Election and Preliminary Amendment in Response to the Office Action, mailed June 23, 2004, (14 pages), a change of address form, and a check (\$55) for the requisite fee for a one-month extension of time; and a return postcard. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

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Respectfully submitted,


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ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Requirement for Restriction, mailed June 23, 2004, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-14, 16-20, 34-36, 40-42, 56-57, 72-75, 91, 108-109, 113-114, 127-129, drawn to MTSP polypeptides. Applicant also elects, with traverse, the MTSP1 polypeptide. Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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